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SUBJ: LIANG HSIAO COMMENTARY: EXTENDIN THE CAMPAIGN BEYOND TENG

REF: HONG KONG 4681, HONG KONG 4561

SUMMARY: AN ARTICLE BY AUTHORITATIVE CAMPAIGN BOOSTER  
LIANG HSIAO SPINS OUT A WEB OF ACCUSATION AIMED AT EN-  
SNARING OTHERS WITHIN THE PARTY FOR COLLUSION WITH THE  
ALREADY FALLEN TENG HSIAO-PING. THE CAMPAIGN IS HEATING  
UP AGAIN, AND THE LEADERSHIP DIVISIONS IN PEKING, DESPITE  
PROBABLE COSMETIC APPEARANCES FOR MAY DAY, REMAIN SHARP.  
END SUMMARY

1. LEAVING NO DOUBT ABOUT THE DESIRE OF ONE SECTOR OF THE  
LEADERSHIP TO EXPAND THE CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN BEYOND  
TENG HSIAO-PING, A LIANG HSIAO ARTICLE FRONTPAGED IN  
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PEOPLE'S DAILY APRIL 28 STATES FLATLY THAT TENG "PRAISED

SOME UNREPENTENT CAPITALIST ROADERS AND PRESENTED THEM WITH ILLUSIONS OF A COMEBACK." REPEATING CHARGES ADVANCED ELSEWHERE (REFTELS), LIANG HSIAO DECLARES THAT THE "BOURGEOISIE IN THS0-456" IS CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE DISORDERS AT TIEN AN MEN, AN ACCUSATION CALCULATED AT SLAPPING OTHERS IN THE PARTY WITH THE GUILT FOR THOSE RIOTS. HONAN, WHICH HAS BEEN OUT IN FRONT FOR MUCH OF THE CAMPAIGNING, ALREADY HAS GONE ONE STEP FURTHER THAN LIANG HSIAO AND TURNS HIS DIGS AT OLD CADRES INTO A SPECIFIC ATTACK ON "A BUNCH OF OLD CAPITALIST ROADERS", ORGANIZED AND SUPPORTED BY TENG WHO THEN ACTED FOR HIM. (APRIL 27 BROADCAST).

2. LIANG HSIAO TOO ACCUSES TENG, DURING HIS PERIOD BACK IN OFFICE, OF INSTIGATING OTHERS TO SPREAD VARIOUS FALLACIES AND WRITE ANTI-PARTY ARTICLES, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME BLACKENS TENG WITH AN ANTI-LIN PIAO EPITHET AS A "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY CONSPIRATOR." THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATES THAT AS FAR BACK AS LAST SUMMER, NEW AND OLD BOURGEOIS ELEMENTS GANGED UP FOR PLOTTING IN A SECRET ROOM, INSTIGATED SOME GRASSROOTS UNITS, WENT ABOUT MAKING WIDE CONTACTS AND ESTABLISHED TIES EVERYWHERE.

3. LIANG HSIAO ALSO TAKES TENG'S ECONOMIC PROGRAMS TO TASK, ATTACKING IN GREAT DETAIL TENG'S MANNER OF HANDLING THE "FOUR MODERNIZATIONS", A PROGRAM TO UPGRADE AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, DEFENSE, AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH HAD BEEN BOOSTED BY CHOU EN-LAI AT THE NPC IN 1975.

THE ARTICLE ENDS WITH CALLS FOR FURTHER REVOLUTIONARY EFFORTS IN MUCH STRONGER LANGUAGE THAN USUAL, INCLUDING HE CLEARING AWAY OF "ALL OBSTACLES IN OUR WAY" AND RESOLUTE SUPPRESSION OF "ALL COUNTER-REVOLUTION." STRIKINGLY, THE ARTICLE MAKES NO MENTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE POLITBURO DECISIONS OF APRIL 7 WHICH GREW OUT OF THE TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT.

4. COMMENT: LIANG HSIAO'S INITIAL SILENCE AFTER THE APRIL 5 INCIDENT AND THE POLITBURO DECISIONS SEEMED UNUSUAL GIVEN HIS PROMINENCE AS A POLEMICIST FOR THE REGIME (HK 4561). HIS RETURN AT THIS STAGE, WHEN THE CAMPAIGN'S PROMOTERS ARE HEATING UP THE ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN TO LOOK FOR OTHER TARGETS, IS SIGNIFICANT AS IS HIS FAILURE TO COMMENT ON THE MUCH VAUNTED APRIL 7 DECISIONS. THIS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE IDEOLOGUES AND REFLECTS, AS MUCH AS THE ABSENCE OF THE REGIME'S TENG-ASSOCIATES FROM THE APRIL 26 LEADERSHIP TURNOUT, THAT THE LEADERSHIP DIVISIONS IN PEKING ARE STILL SHARP. COSMETIC APPEARANCES FOR MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS MAY MASK SOME OF THIS DISUNITY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS BUT THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE POWER STRUGGLE WILL CEASE. GIVEN THE HONAN

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ATTACK, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT INDIVIDUALS ALREADY TARRED FOR  
ASSOCIATION WITH TENG, INCLUDING EDUCATION MINISTER CHOU JUNG-  
HSIN, TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY'S LIU PING AND TENG'S PURPORTED  
POLEMICISTS HU CHIAO-MU AND HU YAO-PANG, WILL FEEL ADDITIONAL  
HEAT.  
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